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THE BALTIMORE

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MR. EDWARD J. HOLSLAG
The Decorator of the Baltimore Hotel

OFFICE AND LOBBY

The Baltimore Hotel

FROM a small and comparatively obscure city, only a score of years ago, Kansas City has forged her way to the very front of the cities of America. Her wonderful strides in a business way and her importance as a railway and jobbing center have been quite

The Landing of Lord Baltimore
(Allegorical Painting Over Office)

generally heralded for a number of years. But wonderful as has been the growth of her jobbing and wholesale interests, even more noticeable has been the evolution of her fine homes and boulevards and business blocks. Office and business buildings that compare favorably with those of any city in the United States have been erected in the last few years.

Commensurate in every way with the growth and development of Kansas City has been the growth of the Baltimore Hotel. For many years a hotel of but little over 300 rooms, the excellence of her service and the general high character of her cuisine and furnishings had caused her to be well and favorably known from coast to coast. As she now stands, more than double her original size, impressive of design, rich and magnificent in appointments, every department numbering all that is modern in equipment, she takes rank among the very best and most beautiful hotels in America.

This beautiful structure was erected by Mr. Bernard Corrigan in conjunction with the Corrigan estate, on the accepted plans and largely from the suggestions of Messrs. Dean Brothers and was designed in detail by Mr. Louis Curtiss, an architect of international repute. The building fronts on Eleventh street, Baltimore avenue and Twelfth street, while its remaining side gains light and ventilation from an extremely wide alley which parallels Main street, thus constituting a building an entire block long and one-half city block wide, having splendid light on the four sides.

The building comprises eleven stories and basement. The portion of the basement fronting on Eleventh street and embracing one-half the area is devoted to the Rathskeller, the main buffet and grill while the remaining basement area, equalling one-quarter of an entire city block, is given over to the purposes of the principal kitchen, refrigerating plant, lighting, heating and ventilating systems, together with the vacuum and plenum systems. Here also is located the apparatus for the combustion of refuse, and in fact all other mechanical adjuncts necessary in the scientific construction in modern hotel economics.

Lord Calvert Making a Treaty With the Indians
(Allegorical Painting Over Office)

The main entrance of the hotel is placed beneath a massive and ornate metal canopy on Twelfth street, which develops into the splendid main corridor which is eighteen feet wide and two hundred seventy feet long and which terminates at the rotunda at Eleventh street. This corridor is treated as a continuous portico with colonnades on either side in Verde

Twelfth Street Entrance

African marble with gilded capitals and bases in bronze. Between these columns the side walls are treated in Verde Antique metal screens with filling of plate glass, and is further enriched with a wainscot of Pavanazo marble, while the ceiling is enriched with carving and decorated in gold and soft harmonious stone. This magnificent promenade making a veritable vista in its length and varying perspective is not surpassed by any interior walk-way in America. The whole interior was especially planned not only for the utility and comfort of the guests, but always with a view of artistic excellence throughout. The scheme of decoration and furnishing is elegant in the extreme. The many rooms throughout the building echo the sentiment of the true artist.

A distinct feature of the Baltimore is the excellent elevator service, the building being equipped with the latest type of tandem worm gear drum electric elevators, which are especially designed for hotel service. Each of the Baltimore cars is equipped with a patented safety device, the use of which is a positive assurance against accidents from the falling of elevator cars.

The plumbing system follows the most advanced practice in sanitary science. The fixtures were especially designed for the building. The kitchen has a complete service of its its own. The Paul Vacuum System is in use and regulated by the latest thermostatic invention. Another special feature is the installation of an ice plant supplying approximately 8,000 cubic feet of cold storage space located at various points of the building. This splendid machine has a capacity each twenty-four hours equivalent to melting twenty-five tons of ice. It is of the ammonia compression type and the principal parts of the system consist of a twenty-five ton horizontal, double acting ammonia compressor, driven by a Corliss engine. The temperature of any refrigerator can be maintained constantly as low as 32° F. or at any higher temperature desired. Nothing so perfectly assures wholesomeness of food product as perfect refrigeration, and this, in the Baltimore Hotel, has been reduced to perfection.

It is only in recent years that artistic development in the United States has induced the builders of large public buildings, and especially hotels, to consult with the artist and decorator in producing interior effects that conform to the refined taste of the largely traveled American people of this epoch. We are rapidly gaining the reputation of being

The Marquise—Ladies' Entrance, Baltimore Avenue

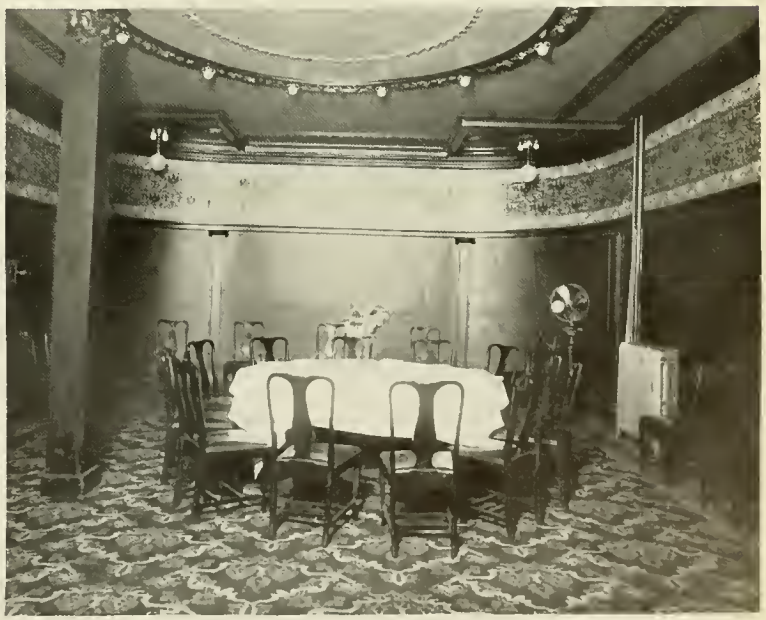
THE ITALIAN ROOM

THE GRILL ROOM

ELIZABETHAN PARLOR

Heidelberg Room

true globe trotters, which is a distinction only the English heretofore have possessed. At this time, however, with the immense progress the country has made in wealth and in culture, Americans have seen and do see the very best examples of all that is beautiful in Europe, and they now come back expecting to have their cultivated taste gratified in their own buildings. This demand has enabled the architect, the artist and the decorator to familiarize himself with all that is the very best in interior decoration throughout the world, and has enabled them to readapt to America all that is splendid and thus gratify this growing taste for luxury and culture of surrounding. All of this has been done very successfully in the new Baltimore Hotel. The many handsome rooms which are carried out in period decoration, architecture and design bear witness to this fact. The main dining room, a room noble in its proportions and height, and notable indeed in its richness of marbles, mosaries and decoration which constitute its walls, is a beautiful creation of the Renaissance Period. The scheme here worked out is entirely of white Italian marble and Caen Stone. Rising from the mosaic floor are eight monolythic columns 30 feet high of statuary marble which form the support of a hexagonal dome rising yet 25 feet higher in Caen stone, beautifully enriched by mosiacs and the whole surrounded by a mezzanine floor looking into the main area of the dining room. This mezzanine is surmounted by a massive perforated parapet in statuary marble. A music mezzanine, handsomely executed in Pavanazzo marble projects from the north wall forming a motive at once striking and unique. The illumination of this room is effected by massive bronze cathedral candelabras in monumental style and in strict harmony with the columns which they adjoin, while the eye of the dome is terminated by a brilliant sunburst in bronze containing six hundred lamps. These lighting features are the acme of regal elegance, exquisite in every detail and represent an expenditure of many thousands of dollars. The principal color scheme of this room is in white, old rose and gold. Across the corridor to the left of the main dining room is the Automobile Room, a very unique and original conception in the way of decoration and arrangement. This room is entirely in green and ivory, while the furniture is of Circassian walnut. Beautiful pendant lamps suspended from the ceiling give an individual effect and character to this room, which is highly artistic. On the frieze is a representation of automobile sports, carried out in poster-like effects; the con-

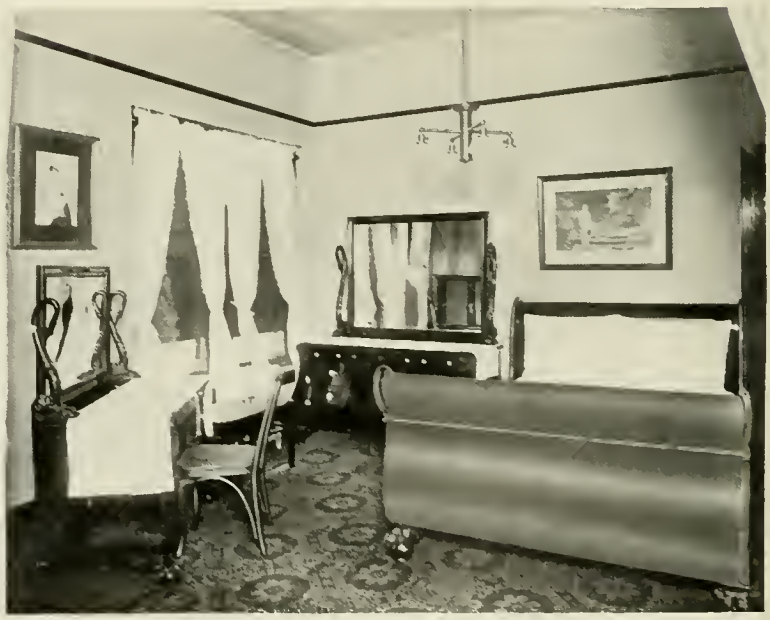


Private Dining Room

Parlor Guest Chamber, En Suite

ception of the artist in depicting the joys of automobile life is cleverly arranged in these mural paintings, and the conventional art glass windows in this room represent a tree effect, giving one the impression of outdoor life which is so dear to the heart of all lovers of the automobile. Off from the main corridor again, as you walk along on the right is the Egyptian Room. It is used as a cafe and is designed to carry the diner back to the Egyptian period; the entire design and decorative scheme is carried out in the Egyptian style and in a most unique way. There are Egyptian columns, pilasters, vases, all richly carved with the hieroglyphics of ancient Egypt. The hieroglyphics are inscribed and cut into the walls with tool instruments and afterwards picked out in color by the artists. The fixtures are purely Egyptian in character, and in fact the whole room depicts so little of American effect that it carries one back to Egypt and creates food for the mind of the diner while he is being ministered to the wants of his inner man.

Next to this room is the Pompeiian Room, one of the finest examples of Pompeiian architecture in the United States. Truly does it take us back to the time of the Romans, two thousand years ago, and we indeed feel, on entering this room that we are verily on the threshold of one of the noble Roman palaces of which we know so little other than that which is told us by the ruins that are left of the Roman Villas and the fragments of Roman architecture which we find throughout the museums of Europe. This room is one of the purest examples of the Hellenic art as exemplified by the excavated remains from the varied cities. A majestic vase in statuary marble, a replica of a recently discovered fragment in Herculaneum stands at the further end of this room. This vase rests on a pedestal rising from a large water basin, the whole forming a fountain of great purity of design and grace. The furniture is in exact duplication of old Pompeiian pieces and there is no attempt whatever at originality in the treatment of this room other than the fact that the artists have confined themselves strictly to reproducing the effect of a true Pompeiian room in every detail. The walls are in red with elaborate Pompeiian Arabesque ornaments trellising the same. The lower part of the room, or dado, is in Verde Antique marble. The candelabrum are correct reproductions of the old Pompeiian Standards. The floor is of marble. The splashing of the limpid waters from the handsome Pompeiian fountain perfects this old time scene. The ceiling is richly gilded, illuminated and picked out in various



Guest Chamber, En Suite

BANQUET AND BALL ROOM

Guest Chamber, En Suite

stones of rich color. Pompeiian ornaments in all their gorgeousness practically cover this ceiling, making an effect that is superb over all. Just to the left of the Pompeiian room off the main corridor is the English room. This room is designed and furnished in the English style of the period of Queen Elizabeth. All the furniture, which is elaborately and and richly carved, is furniture in duplicate of rare old English pieces, and is beautifully covered with galoons, tapestry and appliqued gold ornaments. The rugs were especially designed and made in Europe to fit this room, which is primarily used as a rest room, and one certainly has a feeling of repose when reclining in any of the handsome and comfortable pieces of furniture scattered about this palatial retreat. Along to the end of the corridor is the main lobby or office, the entire decorations being in Pavanazzo marble, the ceiling being in gray. Above the main counter on a line with the parlor floor, are two large lunettes. On these lunettes the decorator and artist has reproduced a theme which relates to the naming of the hotel. One of the lunettes contains

Sample Room

One of the Private Bath Rooms

POMPEIAN ROOM

Partial View of Ball Room

a beautiful painting of Lord Calvert making a treaty with the Indians for the purchase of the ground for the building of the city of Baltimore after which the Hotel Baltimore is named. The other painting represents the landing of Lord Baltimore on the site of his fair city. These paintings are true works of art, and serve in a measure to represent the high artistic trend of the American mind in the decoration of our modern hotels.

On the parlor floor, and extending up to the third floor of the building, is the Grand Banquet Hall, which is considered one of the finest rooms that has ever been designed or executed in any part of the world. This room is carried out strictly in the period of Francis the First. As is generally conceded, the Francis First period embraces the very highest perfection of French architecture and design. This room is approximately twenty-four feet high, and will seat four hundred banqueters at one service.

Except the frieze, the room is entirely of wood, being of curly maple stained to a French gray tone. The wainscoting is twelve feet high above this is the magnificent mural painting of a Medieval Procession, extending all around the room. This procession of knights and ladies of the Francois Premier period represents the character and costumes of this noble reign — the knights in all the armour and regalia of the field and the ladies in their handsome, elaborate court costumes. The conception of this picture is of Mr. Holslag, who is the artist. It is the representation of a fete day during the reign of the First Francis. The artist has been eminently successful in portraying the glamour and grandeur of this period. The ceiling is a beam effect, with elaborate gold applique ornaments richly embellished and painted on the beam. The effect on entering this room is one of glittering gorgeousness, which is the same effect in the rooms of similar character in Europe. The Baltimore Hotel has the distinction of possessing the only room of this design and careful execution in America, and it is pleasing to say that it has been a high artistic gratification to every visitor.

Next to and connecting with the Grand Banquet Hall, is the Italian room, which represents a pergola or Italian garden, with clusters of grapes and vines interwoven and suspended from the ceiling in a most artistic arrangement.

There are many other rooms throughout this splendid hotel that deserve notice and commendation, but the brief space in the booklet precludes their extended description. It has been the intention to so thoroughly illustrate the booklet that a very definite idea of the magnificence of this house may be had by turning the pages of this little work.

Guest Chamber, En Suite

BUFFET "THE NATIONAL"

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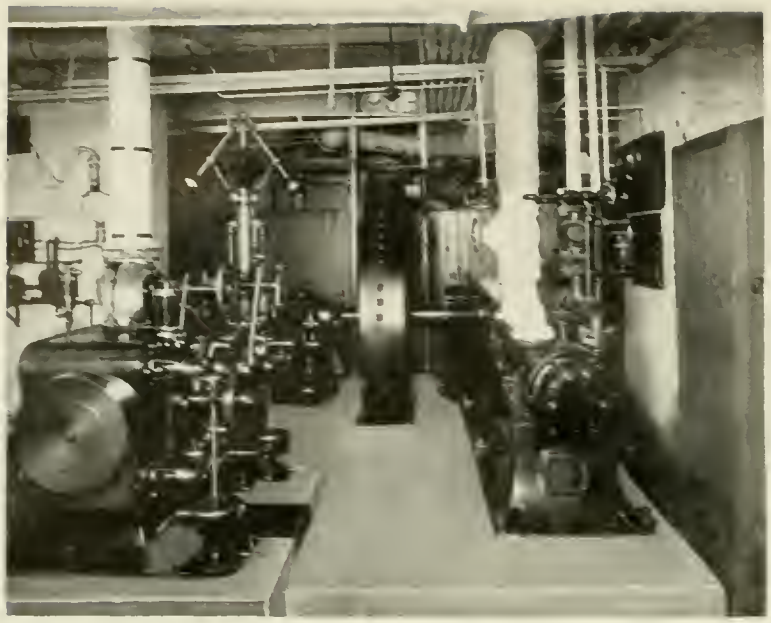
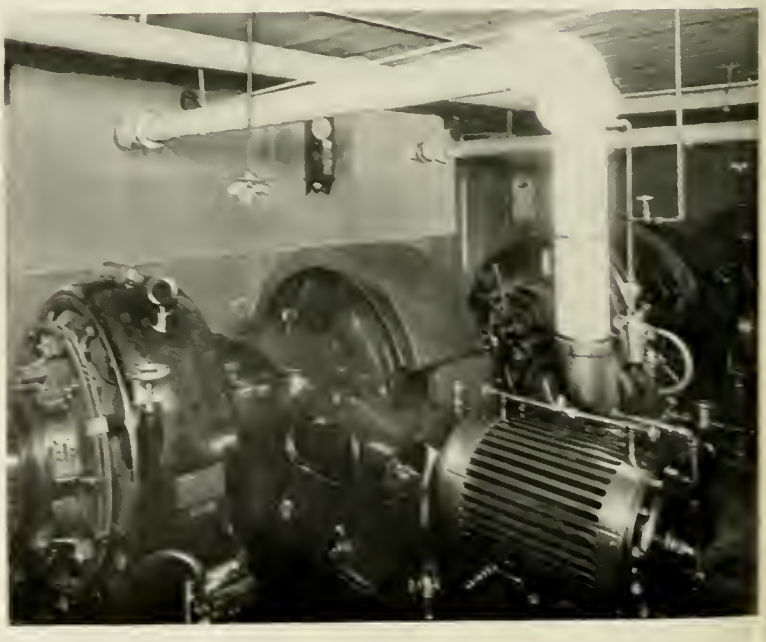


Refrigerating Plant and Ice Machine

Heine Safety Boilers



The Dynamos

VIEW OF BALTIMORE KITCHENS

The Ranges—Baltimore Kitchens. Operated by Natural Gas

Service Bar—Baltimore Kitchens

List of Contractors, Materials, Furnishings, Etc., of The Baltimore Hotel

Louis Curtiss	Kansas City,	Architect.
Royal Auto Livery Company	Kansas City,	Automobiles for Hire.
Baker-Lockwood Manufacturing Company	Kansas City,	Awnings.
Koken Barbers' Supply Company	St. Louis,	Barber Shop Outfit.
Mittong-Boxmeyer Glassware Company	Kansas City,	Bar Supplies.
Nelson-Matter Furniture Company	Grand Rapids, Michigan,	Bedroom Furniture.
Missouri & Kansas Telephone Company	Kansas City,	Bell Telephones.
Heine Safety Boiler Company	St. Louis,	Boilers.
Simmons Manufacturing Company	Kenosha, Wisconsin,	Brass Beds.
Eadie Building Supply Company	Kansas City,	Brick.
Taylor & Winn Construction Company	Kansas City,	Builders.
Robert Keith Furniture and Carpet Company	Kansas City,	Carpets and Curtains.
White & Hannum	Kansas City,	Carpet Cleaning.
United Kansas Portland Cement Company	Kansas City,	Cement.
Burley & Co.	Chicago,	China and Glassware.
McTernan & Halpin Construction Company	Kansas City,	Crushed Rock and Stone.
Geo. B. Peck Dry Goods Company	Kansas City,	Damasks and Linens.
The Ford & Johnson Company	Chicago,	Dining Room Chairs.
Garis-Cochrane Manufacturing Company	Chicago,	Dishwashing Machines.
W. T. Osborn & Co.	Kansas City,	Electric Wiring, Motors and Switch Board.
Marine Engine and Machine Company	Harrison, New Jersey.	Elevators.
Standard Wire and Iron Works	Kansas City,	Fire Escapes.
Builders' Material Supply Company	Kansas City,	Fireproof Floors, Partitions and Ceilings.
St. Louis Brass Manufacturing Company	St. Louis,	Fixtures (Electric and Gas).
C. Y. Roop	Kansas City,	Fuel Oil Burning System.
Eiser Engraving Company	Kansas City,	Halftone Engravings.
Curtin & Clark Hardware Company	Kansas City.	Hardware.
Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company	New Britain, Connecticut,	Hardware Manufacturers.
Schultz & Hirsch Company	Chicago,	Hotel Bedding.
Columbia Incandescent Lamp Company	St. Louis,	Incandescent Lamps.
Holslag & Co.	Chicago,	Interior Decorators.
J. R. Mercer	Kansas City,	Jeweler.
Redheffer Hardware Company	Kansas City,	Kitchen Supplies and Copper Work.
Badger Lumber Company	Kansas City,	Lumber.
Peoria Stone and Marble Works	Peoria, Illinois,	Marble Work.
American Sash and Door Company	Kansas City,	Mill Work and Interior Finish.
W. H. Jennens Manufacturing Company	Kansas City,	Ornamental Plastering.
A. M. Hughes Paint Company	Kansas City,	Paints.
Devoe & Raynolds Company	Kansas City,	Paints and Varnish.
Adele Dieren (with Shields' Studio)	Kansas City,	Photo Color Work.
Elmer Noyes Williams	Kansas City,	Photographic Work.
Midland Asbestos Company	Kansas City,	Pipe Covering.
W. R. Berryhill & Son	Kansas City,	Plastering.
Campbell Paint and Glass Company	Kansas City,	Plate Glass.
Cunningham Plumbing and Heating Company	Kansas City,	Plumbing and Sewerage.
Missouri Drug Company	Kansas City,	Prescription Druggists.
Jno. Van Range Company	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Ranges and Kitchen Equipment.
H. R. Ennis & Co	Kansas City,	Real Estate.
Creamery Package Manufacturing Company	Chicago, Illinois,	Refrigerating Plant.
Missouri Boiler Works Company	Kansas City, Kansas,	Repairs, Boilers and Storage Tanks.
Hervey Machine Works	Kansas City,	Repairs, Machinery, etc.
Western Roofing Company	Kansas City,	Roofing.
Goodyear Rubber Company	Kansas City,	Rubber Goods, etc.
Scotford Company	Kansas City,	Rubber-covered Key Tags.
Mayhew Company	Milwaukee, Wisconsin,	Special Design Furniture.
Union Bank Note Company	Kansas City,	Stationers.
Cunningham Plumbing and Heating Company	Kansas City,	Steam Heating.
Ireland Backstrom Company	Kansas City,	Tailors.
Johnson Service Company	Milwaukee, Wisconsin,	Temperature Regulation.
Higgin Manufacturing Company	Newport, Kentucky, and Kansas City,	The Higgin Metal Frame Fly Screen.
Binner-Wells Co.	Chicago, Illinois,	Three Color Process Engravings.
National Trunk Factory	Kansas City,	Trunks and Travelers' Supplies.
Smith Premier Typewriter Company	Kansas City,	Typewriters
Ketcham & Rothschild (Inc.)	Chicago,	Upholstered Furniture.
American Air Cleaning Company	Milwaukee, Wisconsin,	Vacuum System.
Zahner Manufacturing Company	Kansas City,	Ventilating System, Metal Windows.

Purveyors to The Baltimore

Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association	St. Louis,	Budweiser Beer (Draught and Bottled).
F. A. Cauchois & Co	Kansas City,	Coffee.
Meriden Creamery Company	Kansas City,	Creamery Butter.
West Disinfecting Company	Kansas City,	Disinfectants.
Kellogg-Phillips Commission Company	Kansas City,	Eggs.
Guernsey & Murray Grocer Company	Kansas City,	Fancy Groceries.
Steele-Wedeles Company	Chicago, Illinois,	Fancy Groceries.
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J. R. Miller & Co.	Kansas City,	Fish and Oysters.
E. L. Reeder	Kansas City,	Fish and Oysters.
Geo. M. Kellogg Flower and Plant Company	Kansas City,	Florists.
Evans Douglass Commission Company	Kansas City,	Fruits, etc.
Chas. Kuehne Commission Company	Kansas City,	Fruit, Celery, etc.
W. D. Oldham	Kansas City,	Groceries.
People's Ice, Storage and Fuel Company	Kansas City,	Ice.
Woolf Bros.' Laundry Company	Kansas City,	Laundry Work.
Standard Milk Company	Kansas City,	Milk and Cream.
Fidelity Oil Company	Kansas City,	Oils.
Keystone Oil Company	Kansas City,	Oils.
Wm. F. Helm Commission Company	Kansas City,	Produce.
C. E. Kern	Kansas City,	Produce.
California Produce Company	Kansas City,	Produce, Fruits, Vegetables and Celery.
Peet Bros. Manufacturing Company	Kansas City,	Toilet Soap, etc.
Morrin Powers Mercantile Company	Kansas City,	Wines and Liquors.
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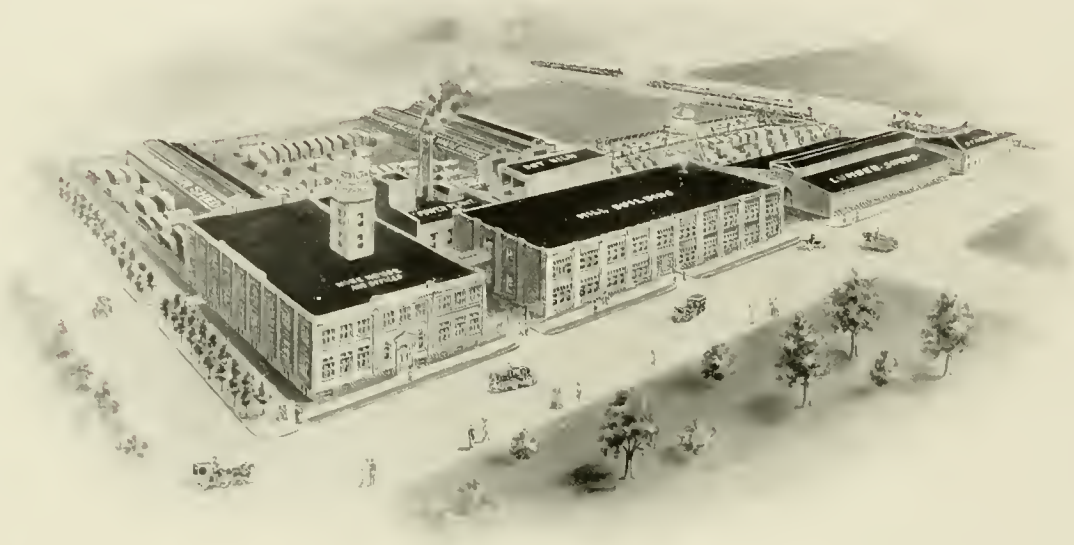

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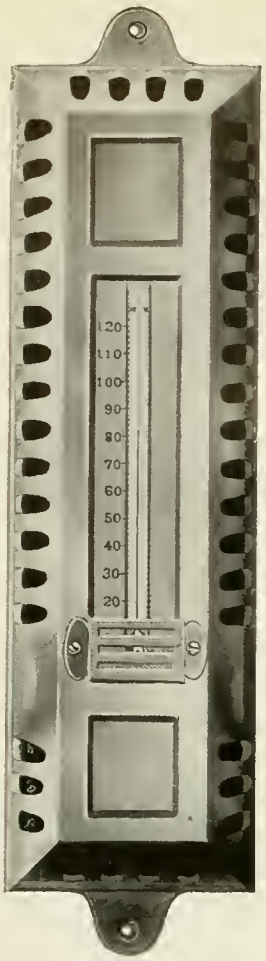

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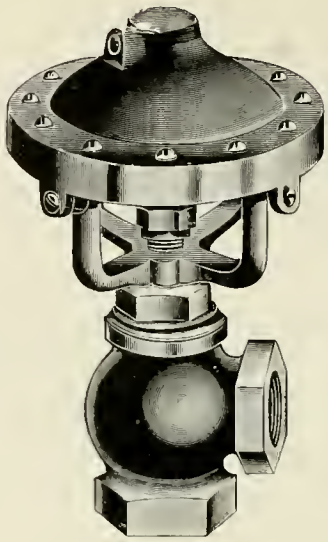

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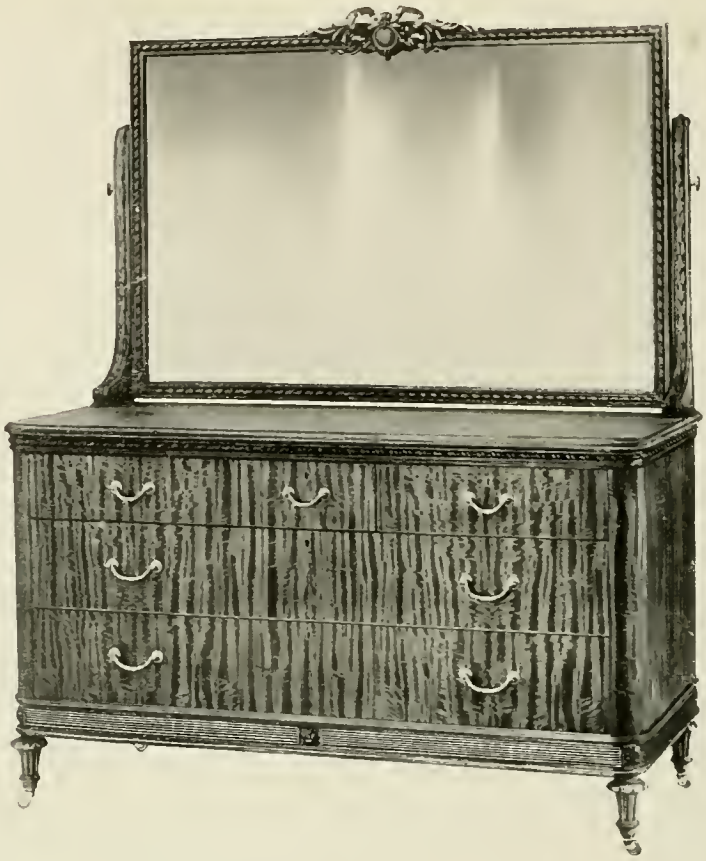

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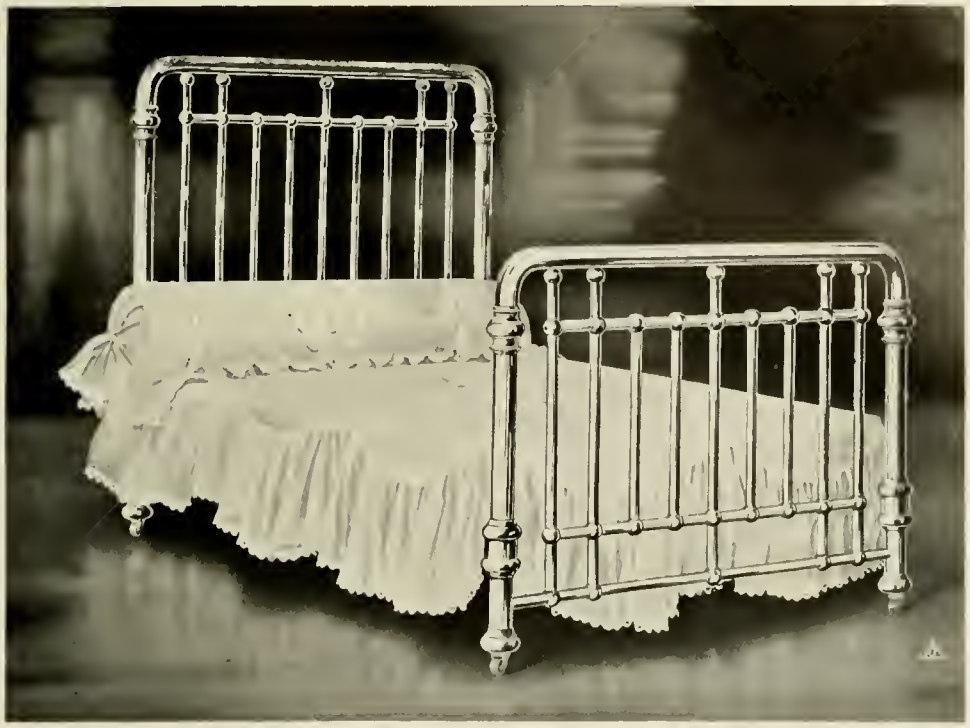

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WHEN the great Architect of the Universe created the beautiful Valley of the Missouri and through it traced the channel of the river of the same name, it was fore-ordained that somewhere on its fertile banks there should be builded a city which would be the great metropolis of the Middle West, mighty for its financial, commercial and industrial interests and noteworthy for the love of its people for home, for country and for fellowmen. The fullness of time has witnessed the fruition of the plan, as such a city has been builded here at the confluence of the Missouri and the Kaw, in the very midst of the garden spot of the Southwest.

Some of the causes for the material greatness and prosperity of Kansas City are her splendid boulevards and parks, her public schools and churches, her splendid supply of water, her efficient railway facilities, her great output of food products and the manufacture of everything that enters into the daily consumption of the community. An important factor of the solid foundation upon which her progress as a city is based, is the development within her limits of a home-building, home-owning and home-loving, public spirited people.

The census has disclosed the fact that among all the cities of this nation Kansas City stands among the first in the percentage of her population who own their own homes. It is the multiplication of these homes wherein Kansas City finds her loyal civic pride and source of strength.

POPULATION, AREA, PARKS AND BOULEVARDS.

With a population of 415,000 souls, Kansas City covers an area of 57¾ square miles, and has in that territory 279 miles of paved streets, exclusive of boulevards. Kansas City's parks and boulevards are possibly the greatest asset she has, for they are known and admired the world around. It is beyond the power of the ordinary individual to describe these parks and driveways so that they can be intelligently understood. The park and boulevard system comprises over 2,000 acres of parks, with 70 miles of boulevards; Swope Park alone contains 1,354 acres. The cost of the park and boulevard system up to April, 1909, is, in round figures, nine millions of dollars.

LOW TAXES.

Kansas City is blessed with low taxes; the rate of taxation is based on forty per cent of the actual cash value of the property assessed, and averages about one and one-quarter per cent of this valuation per annum.

RAILROAD CENTER.

From a railroad standpoint, Kansas City comes very near being the center of the country, with railroad connections and facilities second to but one other city in the United States, having twenty systems and thirty-two lines radiating to all points of the compass. As transportation has much to do with the commercial supremacy of any city, so Kansas City is particularly fortunate in this respect. While we thus have the best of transportation facilities, we have the further advantage of having our principal trade territory close at hand. The matter of "a market" is a thing that appeals largely to the wholesale dealer and the manufacturer. Draw a line west extending from the northern boundary of Missouri across to the Pacific, and you cut the western half of the United States almost exactly in two. The population of this western half of the country is a little over twenty-six millions of people. South of that line lies the "Great Southwest," and is the territory tributary to Kansas City and within which there is no competition from any other great city, and to which Kansas City serves as a distributing and manufacturing base, live twenty of the twenty-six

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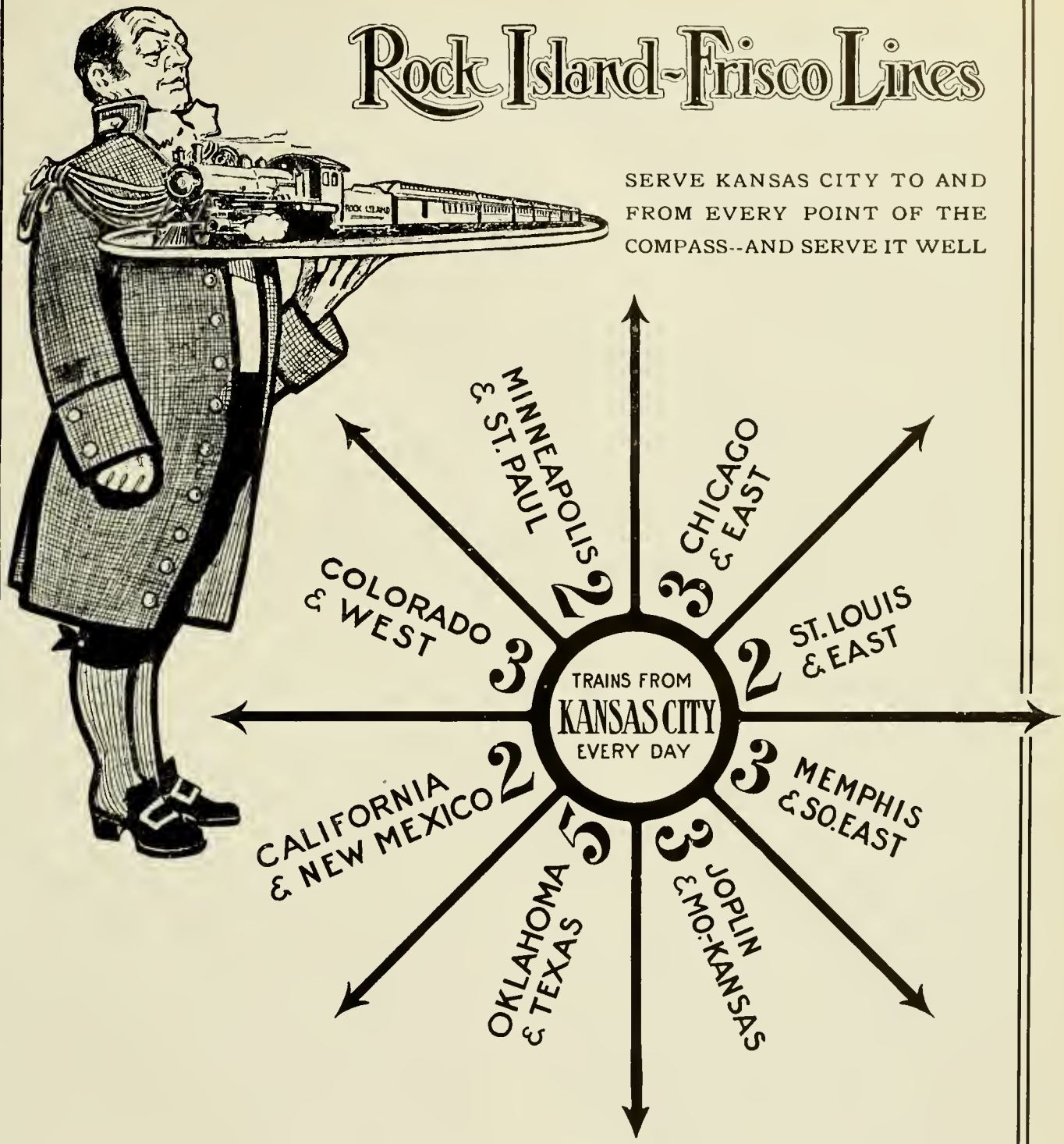

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millions of people. This is Kansas City's trade territory (the Southwest Market), which is the youngest and most buoyant, strongest, most liberal, most progressive, and the fastest growing in proportion to any other part of our common country.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Perhaps the best possible index of the financial condition of any city is its Clearing House record. One of the peculiar things which have occurred in this connection in recent years has been the claim made by different cities in regard to the small decrease in their bank clearings. It is fair to claim that Kansas City is the only city in the United States of its size and standing whose bank clearings have not decreased in the last five years, but have gradually increased under the enormous volume of business transacted here from year to year, until she stands sixth in the galaxy of cities. Her bank clearings for the year 1908 were $1,850,000,000.

MANUFACTURING.

The time is rapidly arriving when Kansas City must be taken into consideration as a manufacturing center. She has made a remarkable stride in this respect in recent years, and during the year just closed the extension of the manufacturing interests has continued along healthful and substantial lines with some very important additions. With sufficient capital the manufacturing industries will grow by leaps and bounds. The trade today has expanded with the increased volume of business, and "Kansas City Made Goods" are now going to the four quarters of the globe. The advantages for distribution of the manufactured products and the nearness to many of the raw materials has drawn the attention of the manufacturers from all over the country. In even figures, the capital invested in manufacturing industries will now exceed thirty million dollars, with over 25,000 employees, who are paid in wages annually an amount exceeding fifteen million dollars, and producing an output of about sixty million dollars per annum.

LIVE STOCK AND MEAT PACKING INDUSTRIES.

Kansas City stands near the top in the meat packing industry and live stock interests; only one other city in the world exceeds it in volume of business. There are now eight modern packing establishments located here, with a combined daily capacity for the slaughter of 16,000 cattle, 37,000 hogs, and 17,000 sheep, representing an investment of $20,000,000, and an annual output valued at $100,000,000, giving employment to 20,000 persons.

Kansas City's stock yards have grown rapidly and furnish every facility needed to handle the increasing business. They cover 207 acres and contain the most thorough and modern stock yards equipment in the country.

Receipts at the stock yards for 1908 were 142,000 carloads, consisting of 2,500,000 cattle, 4,000,000 hogs, 1,500,000 sheep, and 60,000 horses and mules, valued at the enormous sum of $150,000,000.

FLOUR MILLING.

Kansas City ranks second in flour milling capacity, Minneapolis being in the lead. In 1908, the Kansas City mills made over two and one-half million barrels of flour, with a daily capacity of about 14,000 barrels. An abundant supply of good quality of wheat, scientifically milled into flour of uniform quality, has placed Kansas City's flour into increased favor each year.

BUILDING RECORD.

Whenever comparisons are being made with other cities, it seems as if Kansas City almost invariably falls within the front ranks. In the number and value of building permits, Kansas City is rapidly going to the front. She now stands eighth in the list of cities, and during the fiscal year ending July, 1908, over 4,000 permits were issued, with an estimated cost of buildings to be over $12,000,000.

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STREET CAR FACILITIES.

Kansas City has the best street car facilities for its size of any city in the United States, covering 240 miles of single track. A single fare with free transfers carries a person the length and breadth of both Kansas Cities, and every manufacturing plant, jobbing and retail house, or hotel in the city, can be reached from the Union Station on a single fare of five cents.

CITY OF LIGHTS.

Kansas City is known today as the "City of Lights." Some of her streets are brilliant in the extreme; after a shower of rain in the early evening they present the beauty and sheen of a silvery lake, watery pavements reflecting every light many times over. Our boulevards surpass everything of the kind in the country, being brilliantly lighted by many natural gas lights which run out in long rows of light as far as the eye can see.

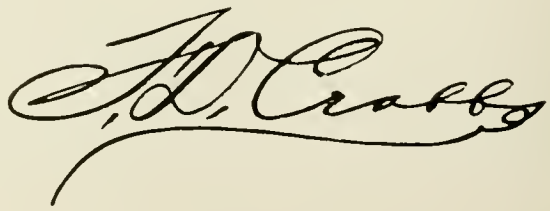
EDUCATIONAL.

The fame and efficiency of Kansas City's public schools are spreading further each year, until today graduates from our High Schools are accredited to the best Universities in the United States without examination. We have three High Schools for whites, one of which is a Manual Training High School. We also have one High School for colored children; there are 59 Ward Schools. The value of the property owned by the school districts amounts to four and one-half million dollars. Enrollment of schools in 1909 is about 35,000; number of teachers employed, 900.

CHURCHES.

From a religious standpoint, Kansas City is one of the best fortified cities in the country. Every Protestant denomination, almost without exception, has one, and some of them as many as twelve and fourteen large and finely equipped church buildings. The Catholic church is proportionately strong, and is represented by many church buildings and finely equipped schools. One of the most beneficial and practical religious institutions in the city is the "Institutional Church," and another of a similar kind is known as the "Educational Building of the United Jewish Charities." A feature of the strong religious and philanthropical character of our citizenship was the building of a $300,000 Y. M. C. A. home, which is just about finished. Also recently there was $250,000 subscribed for the purpose of building a home for the Y. W. C. A., so you see the limit has not yet been reached.

Kansas City unquestionably stands today as the best living example of what can be accomplished through the public spirit of its citizens. We are justly proud of our achievements, and should be glad we have devoted the energy, time and money in exploiting our natural advantages and making known to the world through the proper publicity the wonderful city we have here. The wisdom, pluck and perseverance of the pioneers of Kansas City laid deep and broad the foundations of our present success. It has been well said that the physical conditions that surround a city often determine its greatness. This, in a sense, is true, but Kansas City possesses another advantage; that is, the kind of men and women who builded safe and sound while they were building, which is evidenced by our reputation for beauty and stability.



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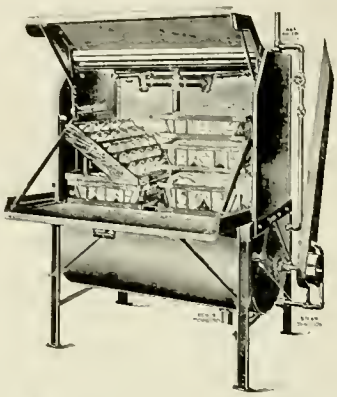

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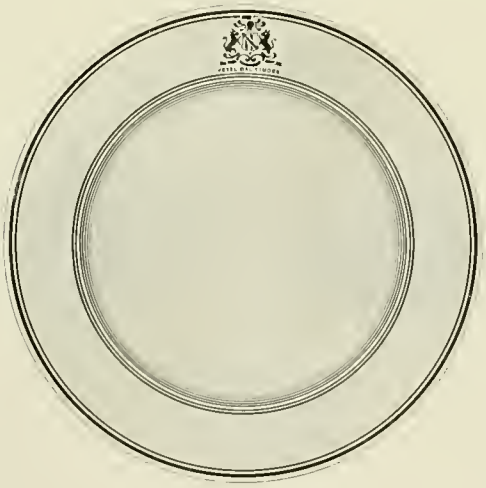

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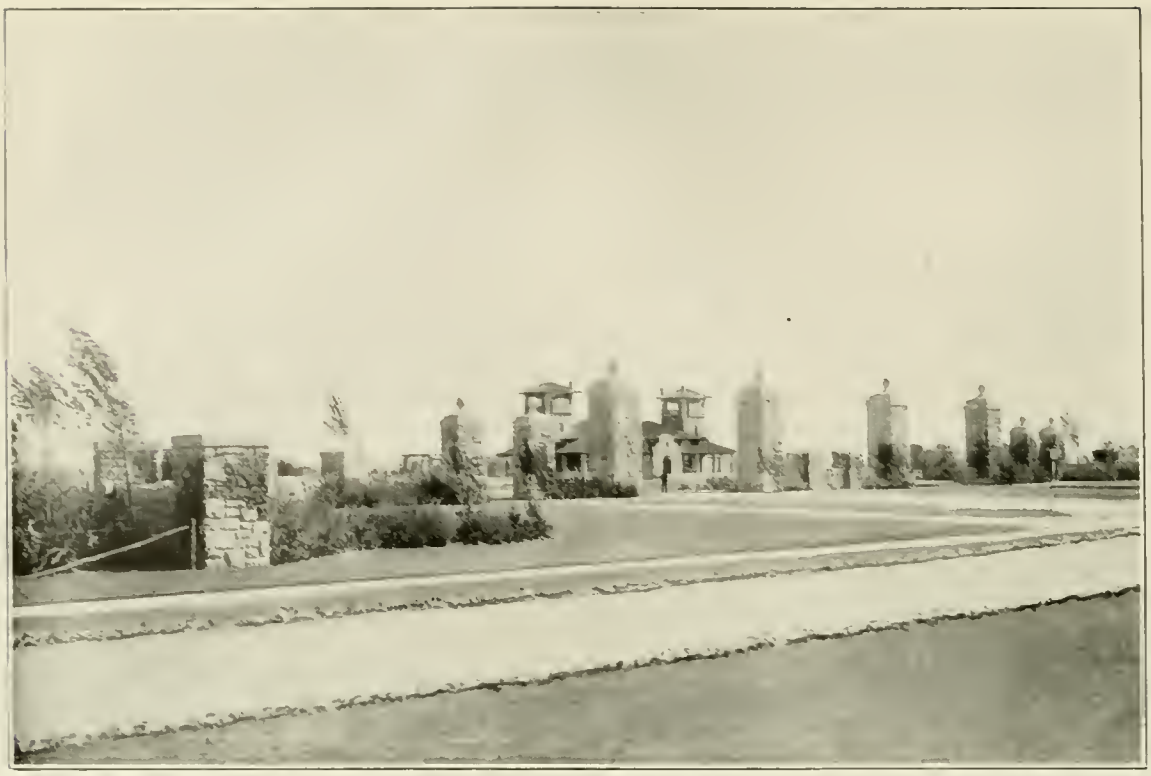

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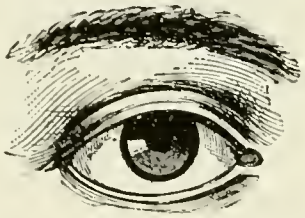

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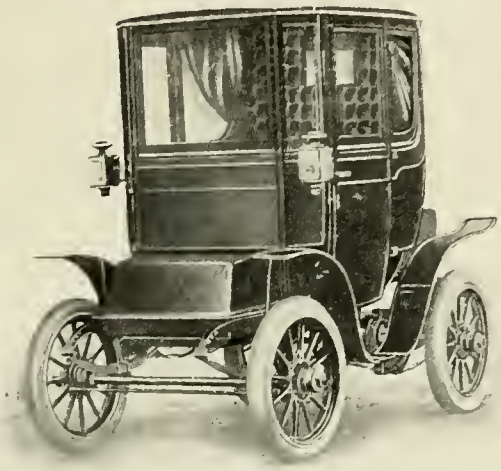

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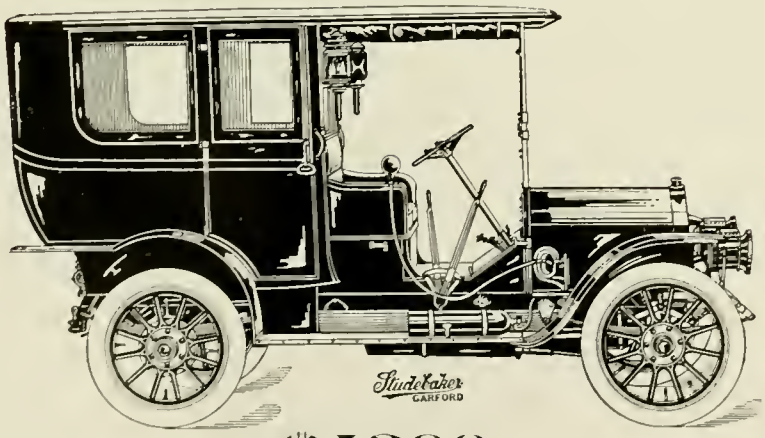

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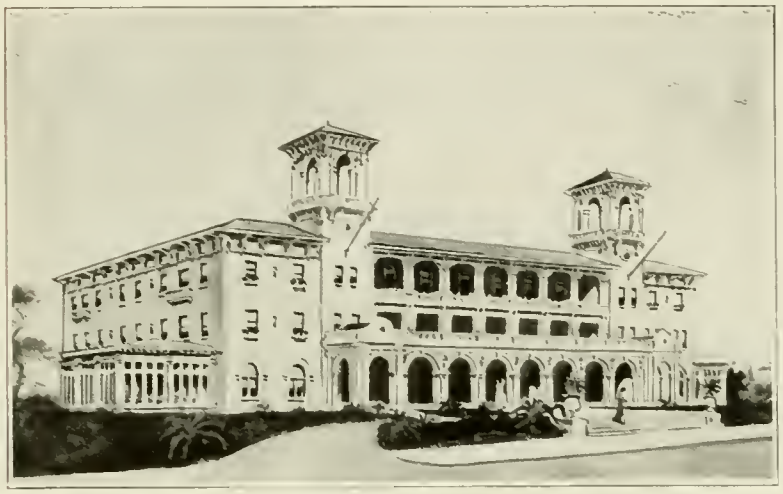

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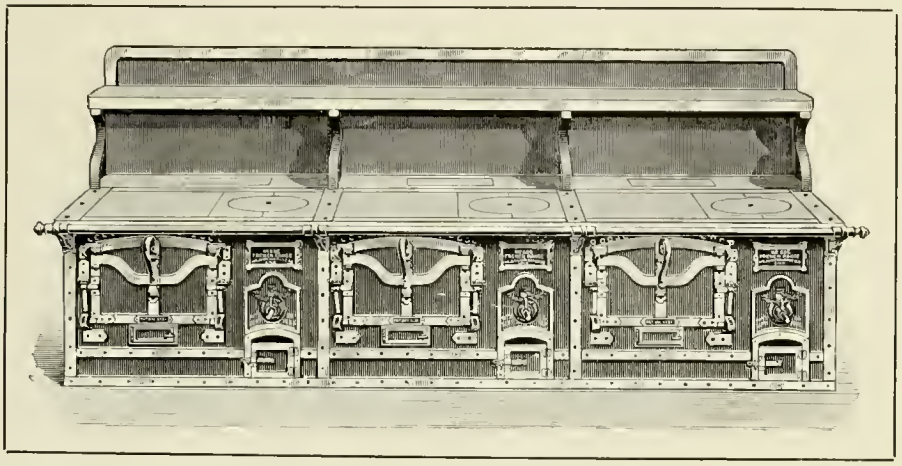

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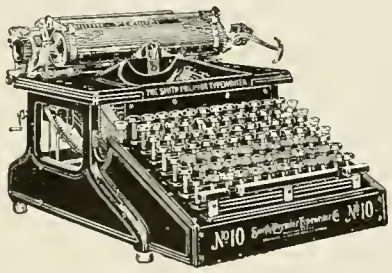

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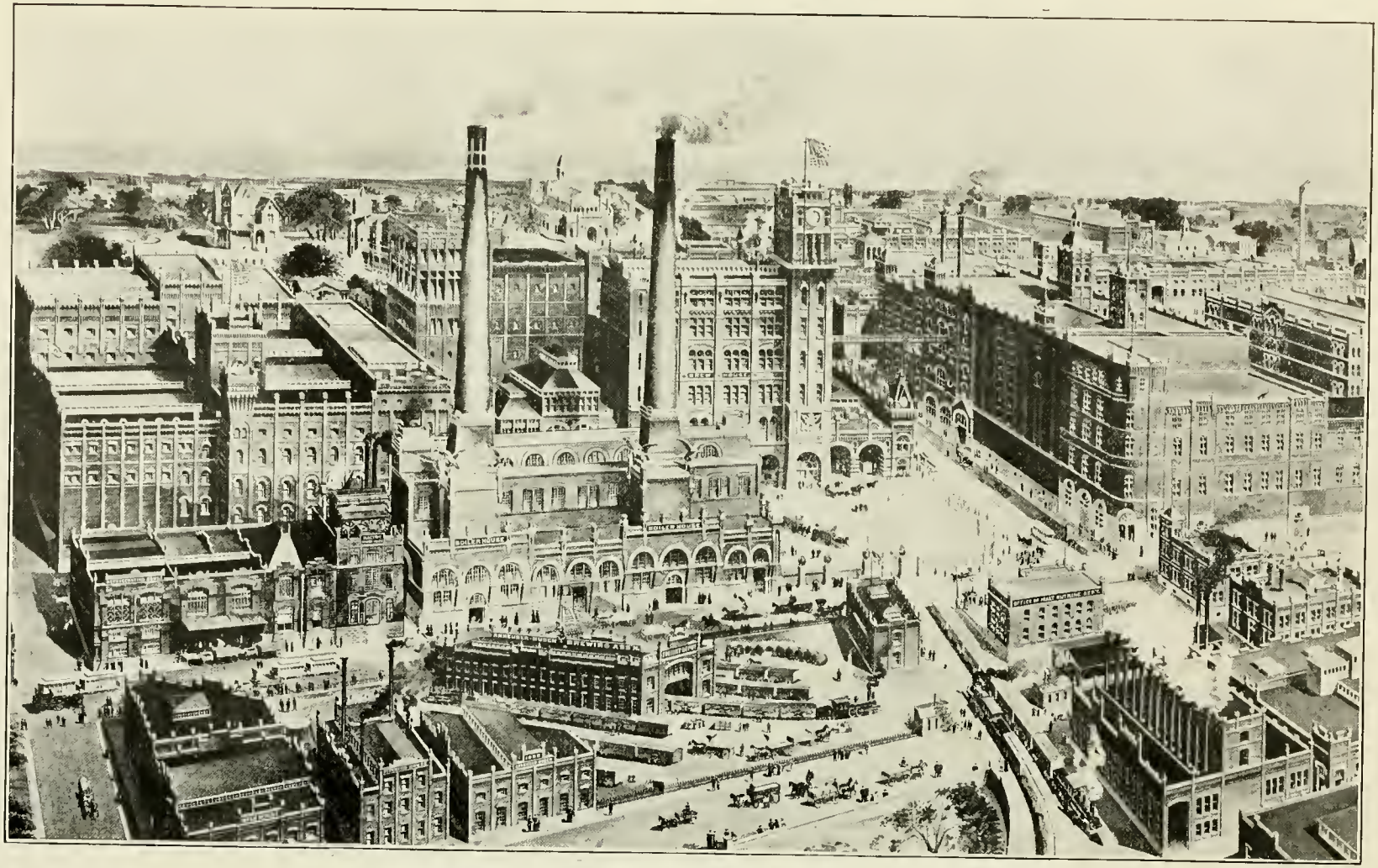

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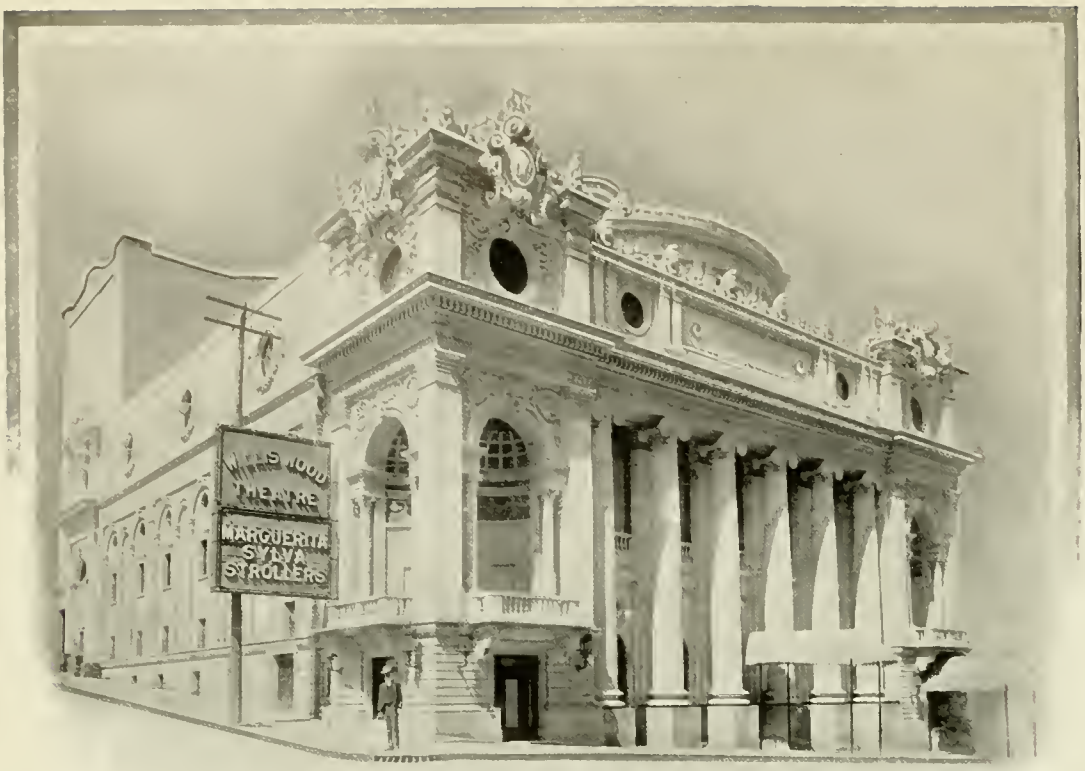

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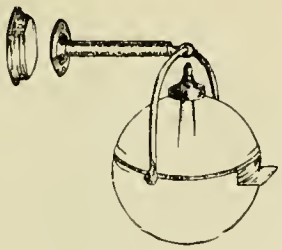

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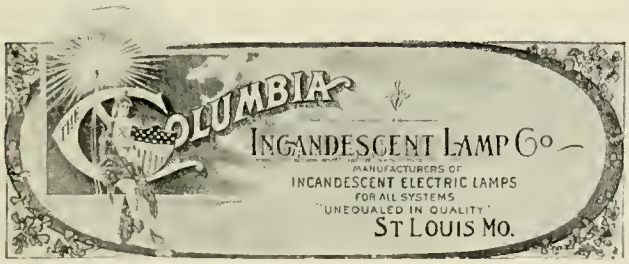

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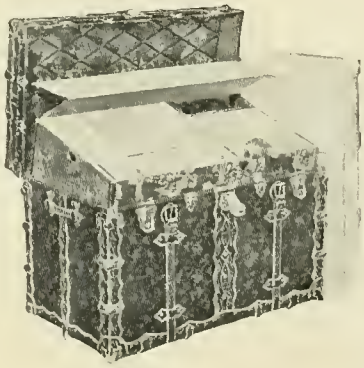

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